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TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh P. McClimon

The Nebraska Young Farmers and Ranchers Association will host the 14th National Young Farmer Educational Institute on December 6 - 10, 1980 in Omaha. Accomodations are available at the Holiday Inn - 72nd which is headquarters for all the meetings. Highlights of the program include educational workshops and tours along with good food and entertainment. North and south farm tours have been scheduled on Monday with two agribusiness tours being conducted on Tuesday around the Omaha and Lincoln area. An Omaha highlights tour is also available on Tuesday.

Those who might be interested in attending should make plans and reservations well in advance. A registration fee of $98 per person is due by November 4 and room reservations must be accompanied by a deposit of $37 per room for the first night's lodging. It may be possible to get special rates with the airlines if reservations are made early. Our Association should be well represented. Some of the Executive Committee Members will attend along with chapter representatives. Walter Dantzler will participate in Elanco's "Spokesperson for Agriculture" Program. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn what Young Farmers are doing in other states and to enjoy some Cornhusker Hospitality and share "The Good Life."

All chapters should make efforts to have entries in the Contest and Awards Program which includes Corn, Soybean, Energy Efficiency, Chapter and Young Farmer of the Year. Applications should be submitted by November 1 except for Corn and Soybean which may be December 1 because of delays due to harvesting conditions.

TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

Plans are being finalized for the South Carolina delegation to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, November 11-15. Official voting delegates from our state will be Frank Parker, State FFA President from the St. Matthews Chapter and Nancy Gentry, State FFA Vice President from the Pendleton Chapter. The remaining officers, Jay Rowe from Pleasant Hill, Richard Smith from Dorman, Harry Blair from York, and John Herron from the Crescent Chapter will serve as alternate delegates and work with the Courtesy Corps at the convention.

The State FFA Officers met recently to plan a statewide visitation program which will hopefully allow every chapter to be visited during the school year. Your chapter should contact a state officer for a visit if you need help in planning or presenting a special program during the year.

Your Cherry Grove FFA Camp is available for members who are interested in organizing a weekend trip to the beach this fall. Some chapters have utilized the FFA camp during the past to enjoy recreation and fishing during the weekends of the "off-season." The FFA camp atmosphere is also an excellent place to plan your major goals for your 1980-81 Chapter Program of Activities.

A planned program of activities is a must for a chapter to operate successfully during the year. Make this plan a priority item for your chapter to accomplish early in the school year.

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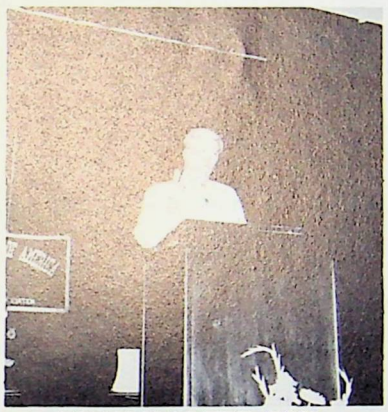
ELIN DUCKWORTH



DEAN WALTER COX

MR. RODERICK GRAY

The Vice President of the half-million member National Future Farmers of America headed a list of top speakers who addressed the fifty-third annual convention of the S. C. Future Farmers of America Association. Elin Duckworth, National FFA Vice President from Mesa, Arizona, addressed the first general session which was held at Clemson University's Daniel Auditorium. Elin remained to present the FFA Foundation awards and assist State Association officers in staging the three-day convention.

The gathering marked the fifty-third anniversary of the state's vocational agriculture youth group. More than 300 of the state's Future Farmers, advisors and guests were on hand to witness the proceedings.

Dean Walter Cox, Vice President of Student Affairs at Clemson University, welcomed the representatives of FFA chapters and guests to the convention, which is the high point of the FFA calendar. Another top speaker at the convention was Mr. Roderick Gray, Associate Director of Admissions, Erskine College, Due West. Mr. Gray gave a most informative and inspiring address to those present.

The Association has 7,000 members in 140 local chapters in high schools and vocational centers across South Carolina. Activities of the Association help prepare high school students of vocational agriculture for farm and agribusiness careers by allowing members to demonstrate skills they have learned in the classrooms and laboratories. FFA activities are student-led with agriculture teachers serving as advisors.

Another highlight of the convention was the presentation of the National FFA Proficiency Awards in some 17 categories to top Future Farmers and chapters in South Carolina. One of the most prestigious awards is that of Star State Farmer which goes to the Future Farmer with the best overall farming operation. Other highlights were the finals of the FFA Public Speaking Contest and presentation of the Association's annual vocational agriculture scholarship. Winner of the public speaking contest earned the right to compete for regional honors and went on to win the tri-state. He will now compete for regional honors at the National FFA Convention in November. The $500 scholarship is awarded for the study of agricultural education at Clemson University and is funded by the S. C. Plant Food Educational Society. Other activities included the finals of the State FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest and the presentation of awards to honor chapters for outstanding achievement in educating Future Farmers about farm/business cooperatives. Superior Chapter awards were presented and the Association's business was transacted. Convention activites were conducted by the outgoing officers who were: Mark Wyndham, President, Fort Mill; Neil James, Vice President, Loris; Mike Addis, Secretary, Wade Hampton; Mark Nettles, Treasurer, Edisto; Randy Miller, Jr., Reporter, Pleasant Hill; and John Simpson, Sentinel, Crescent.

Other key awards were presented in these categories: Individual Future Farmer for overall FFA involvement and related work experience; Agricultural Electrification, Chapter Safety, Building Our American Communities for FFA fostered community development; and Chapter Achievement.

The climax of a most successful fifty-third convention was the election and installation of officers to lead the organization for the 1980-81 year and to conduct the 1981 annual convention.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED

Individuals who received the Honorary State Farmer Degree at the 1980 State FFA Convention at Clemson University are shown, left to right: First row, John Boone, Duke Power Company; John C. Meetze, Soil Conservation Service; Cecil Rogers, State President, S. C. Young Farmers Association; Royce Caines, agriculture teacher, Pendleton High School; Dewey Goin, Principal, Abbeville High School. Second Row, James D. Daniel, agriculture teacher, J. C. Lynch High School; Leroy Burgess, agriculture teacher, Battery Park High School; John D. Jackson, Director, Hartsville Area Vocational Center; R. L. Cockfield, Superintendent, Lake City Schools; Sam Woods, Edisto Experiment Station; and Les Zielke, S. C. Electric and Gas Company. Others receiving the degree but not present when picture was taken: Les Abernathy, Secretary-Manager, S. C. State Fair; George Reed, Jr., agriculture teacher, Pendleton High School; A. C. McGinnis, Principal, James F. Byrnes High School; George Limehouse, agriculture teacher, St. John High School (Cameron); and Charlie B. Ware, Jr., Soil Conservation Service. Also receiving the degree in another ceremony were the mothers and fathers of the state officers and the mother and father of the Star State Farmer.

The Honorary State Farmer Degree is given to selected individuals who have made sustained outstanding contributions to the development of the Future Farmer organization and to vocational agriculture on a statewide basis.

The Governor's Citation in the Building Our American Communities program went to the state winning chapter, James F. Byrnes, G. P. Jones, Jr., advisor. The chapter president and advisor Jones are shown receiving the Governor's Citation Award from John T. Walker, Jr., Chief, Farmer Programs, Farmers Home Administration, co-sponsors of the award.

STAR STATE FARMER

Watson Dorn was awarded the 1980 Star State Farmer pin and $200 cash at the State FFA Convention at Clemson University. Shown with Watson are, left to right, W. A. Whitfield, agriculture teacher; Jim Dorn, father; Watson (center); Elin Duckworth, National FFA Vice President from Mesa Arizona, who made the award; and Marie Dorn, Watson's mother.

DISTRICT STAR FARMERS

District II's Star Farmer was Keith Lucas (right) of the Pelion chapter. Shown with Keith are his agriculture teacher, Freddie Waltz, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lucas.

District IV's Star Farmer was Phillip Bass, right, from the Edisto chapter. Shown with Phillip are (left to right) his agriculture teacher, George Ulmer, and his mother, Hazel Bass.

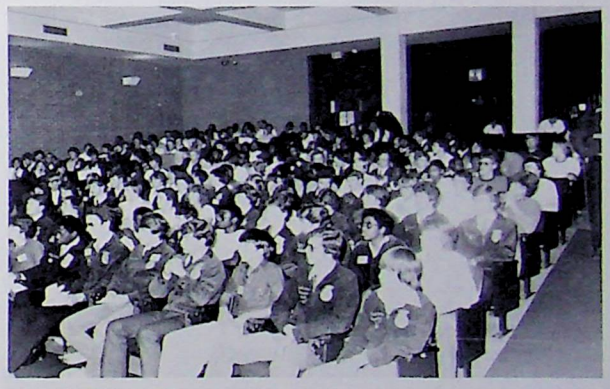
INDIVIDUAL FFA

The 1980 recipients of the four district Individual Future Farmer Awards are shown, left to right (followed by the names of their agriculture teachers): Nancy Gentry, Pendleton, (Royce Caines and George M. Reed); Harry Blair, York (W. S. Wilkins); Neil James, Loris (Benjamin Hardee); and Andrew Carter, Bamberg-Ehrhardt (J. N. Bookard).

The purpose of this award is to provide incentive to improve the farming programs and develop leadership ability in agriculture. Contestants are judged on the basis of their complete FFA program. Each recipient received $250 cash to be used to help defray his expenses to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November.

This award is sponsored by the S. C. Association of Future Farmers.

CONVENTION DELEGATES



The 1980 FFA Convention had the largest attendance of FFA members and delegates in recent years. The above photograph shows a portion of the delegates. Each chapter in the state is eligible to send two delegates.

The Star Farmer from District III was Ralph Allen, from the Latta chapter, who was unable to attend the convention. His agriculture teacher is S. W. Stoudenmire

The three District Star Farmers each received $50 cash and a district plaque.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

James Hill (left) from the Hillcrest chapter (Sumter), speaking on "Agriculture - Key Industry in a Hungry World" was declared state winner in the 1980 FFA Public Speaking finals held at Clemson University during the recent state FFA Convention. District winners are shown with James, left to right: (District II) Bob Branch, York, W. S. Wilkins, advisor; (District IV) Tony Glenn Anderson, Ridge Spring-Monetta, O. F. Counts, advisor; and (District I) Warren Hendrix, Pickens, W. F. Crowther, advisor. James Hill participated in the Tri-State eliminations in July and earned the right to compete for national honors at the National FFA Convention in November. Saul Price is Hillcrest chapter's advisor.

The purpose of the FFA public speaking competition is to develop agricultural leadership among students of vocational agriculture.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

Representatives of three organizations brought greetings to the delegates and guests present at the annual FFA Convention. They are, left to right: Cecil Rogers, Lake View, President, S. C. Association of Young Farmers; Elaine Gilliam, Edgefield, President, S. C. Chapter Future Homemakers Association of America; and Marion Williams, Williamston, President, S. C. Association of Distributive Education Clubs of America.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Pleasant Hill FFA chapter was the 1980 state winning parliamentary procedure team. Team members were Jerry Elliott, Hardy Graham, Joey Miles, Joey Williams, and Raeford Jones. Their advisor is Carolyn Munnerlyn. The state winning team received $100 cash and a state plaque.

Other district winning parliamentary procedure teams competing for the state award were Crescent, with team members, John Simpson, John Herron, Bill Herron, Steve McGill, Gregg Campbell, and Joe M. Price, advisor; Fort Mill, team members, Ken Wyndham, Alan Barfield, Clint Smith, Tommy Brooks, Chuck Burn, and M. F. Coggins, advisor; and St. Matthews, team members, John E. Coakley, Angela Colter, Kenneth Heatley, Wash Jones, Frank Parker, Jr., and Alvin Larke, Jr., advisor. These teams each received $50 cash and a district plaque.

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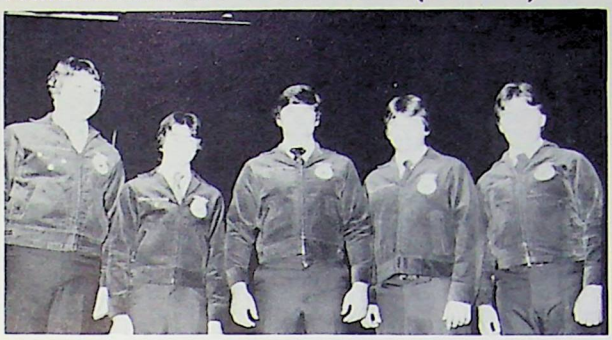

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Clarence Higginbotham, President, S. C. Plant Food Educational Society, from Orangeburg, above left, is shown presenting a $500 scholarship to Nancy Gentry, the 1980 winner. Nancy is from the Pendleton chapter. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan K. Gentry, and her advisors are Royce Caines and George Reed, Jr.

This scholarship is made available to an incoming freshman to Clemson University by the S. C. Plant Food Educational Society for the purpose of encouraging further study in the field of agricultural education.

STATE FARMER DEGREES AWARDED

Sixty eight candidates for the coveted State Farmer Degree are shown just prior to receiving the silver key and certificate of a State Farmer. The State Farmer Degree is limited to 2% of the total state membership.

Qualifications for receiving the State Farmer Degree are:

1. Must have a degree of chapter farmer and have been an active member of the FFA for at least two years.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture and be regularly enrolled in a high school class of vocational agriculture.
3. Be familiar with the provisions of the state and national constitutions.
4. Demonstrate proficiency in parliamentary procedure.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for 45 minutes.
6. Have earned at least $500 by his own efforts from his supervised farming or other agricultural occupation experience programs.
7. Show outstanding ability as evidenced by leadership and cooperation in student, chapter and community activities.
8. Have a satisfactory scholarship record.
9. Have participated in an outstanding way in activities for community improvement and the development of agriculture.

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NATIONAL FFA PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

1980 National FFA Proficiency Awards were presented to state winners by Elin Duckworth, National FFA Vice President from Mesa, Arizona. Shown above, left to right, first row: AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION, Ronnie Brown, Berea; AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS, Doug Gregory, Saluda; AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING, Ken Anderson, Crescent; AGRICULTURAL SALES AND SERVICE, John Colleli, Pendleton; BEEF PRODUCTION, Amy Rankin, Pendleton; and CROP PRODUCTION, Mark Wiley, Abbeville. Shown on the second row, left to right, are advisors, T. R. Cooke, Abbeville; W. A. Whitfield, Saluda; H. S. Clinkscales, Crescent; Royce Caines and George Reed, Jr., Pendleton; and Stan Keaton, Abbeville.

Shown, left to right, first row, FOREST MANAGEMENT, Alex Cribb, Pleasant Hill; FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTION, Jeffery Wise, Pelion; HOME AND/OR FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT, Donald Davis, Loris; HORSE PROFICIENCY, Angela L. Adams, Union; PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, John Simpson, Crescent; POULTRY PRODUCTION, Phillip W. Black, Dorman; and Elin Duckworth, National FFA Vice President, Mesa, Arizona, who made the awards. Second row, advisors, Carolyn Munnerlyn, Pleasant Hill; Freddie Waltz, Pelion; Benjamin Hardee, Loris; H. S. Clinkscales, Crescent; and Gerald Moore, Dorman.

Shown, left to right, first row: Mark Wyndham, State FFA President, Fort Mill, congratulating the winners, and SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT, Derek Williams, Pleasant Hill; SWINE PRODUCTION, Robert Crim, Pelion; TURF AND LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, Phil Dobbins, Pendleton; and Elin Duckworth, National FFA Vice President, who made the awards. Second row, left to right, advisors, Carolyn Munnerlyn, Pleasant Hill; Freddie Waltz, Pelion; and George Reed, Jr., Pendleton.

Receiving awards and not present were: DAIRY PRODUCTION, Laura Martin, Pendleton; and DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, Albert Brown, Crescent.

BOAC WINNERS

The 1980 state winners in the Building Our American Communities program are shown receiving congratulations and a plaque from John T. Walker, Jr., Chief, Farmer Programs, Farmers Home Administration. Representatives of the chapters and advisors are shown, left to right: Dorman, Gerald Moore, advisor; James F. Byrnes, G. P. Jones, Jr., advisor; Aynor, Russell Duncan, advisor; Branchville, Joseph Jackson, advisor and Wade Hampton, F. M. Bridwell, advisor.

Proficiency awards are made to assist deserving FFA members in developing farming programs and other agricultural occupations. They are sponsored jointly by industry and the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Each state winner received $100 cash and is eligible to compete for a national award.

BOAC DISTRICT AWARDS

The 1980 district winners are shown above, left to right, with chapter representatives and their advisors: Landrum, H. B. Waldrop, advisor; Union, Cleveland Jackson, advisor; Boiling Springs, Dennis Haltiwanger, advisor; Andrews, Gilmore McManus, advisor; Hannah-Pamplico, Harmon Cooper, advisor; and Aynor-Conway, W. L. Barr, advisor.

The BOAC program was developed by the FFA in cooperation with the Farmers Home Administration of the U.S.D.A. The entire program is sponsored by Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indianapolis, Ind. in a special project with the National FFA Foundation. The purpose is to increase FFA chapters to strengthen and expand member involvement in understanding and developing their communities.

TOBACCO PRODUCTION AWARD

Ms. Leslie Lewis, Research Chemist with R. J. Reynolds Research Department, presented the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Production Awards to three FFA members during the State FFA Convention at Clemson University. First place winner was Jimmy Ray Edwards of Aynor and his agriculture teacher Russell Duncan. Each received a check for $300 to help defray their expenses to the National FFA Convention. Neil James of Loris, State Vice President of the FFA, was the 1980 second place award winner and received a check for $200; third place went to Christopher McClennon from St. Stephens, with a $100 cash award.

The purpose of this award is to encourage efficient tobacco production.

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Winners of the 1980 agricultural electrification awards are shown with sponsors and advisors. The winners are, first row, left to right: Nancy Gentry, Pendleton chapter; Rick Jerald, Pelion chapter; Anthony Coats, Mullins chapter; and Ernest Henderson, Branchville chapter. Nancy Gentry was named state winner and is eligible to compete for a national award. Second row, left to right: Lewis Williamson, Director, Agricultural Services, Carolina Power and Light Company, Florence; John McKenzie, Agricultural Engineer, Duke Power Company; George Reed, Jr., Advisor, Pendleton; Freddie Waltz, Advisor, Pelion; James Bell, Advisor, Mullins; Joseph Jackson, Advisor, Branchville; and Joe Brown, S. C. Electric and Gas Company.

Each chapter received an expense-paid trip for the student and his advisor to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November. Pendleton was declared state winner and received the state plaque. District placques were awarded to Pelion, Mullins, and Branchville.

This award is sponsored by Duke Power Company, S.C. Electric and Gas Company, and Carolina Power and Light Company. The purpose is to encourage Future Farmers to study the efficient use of electricity on the farm.

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